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Applicant: MCCARTHY et al. Conf.: 3757
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For: A METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES INVOLVING
GENERATION OF EXTENDIBLE UPSTREAM DNA
FRAGMENTS RESULTING FROM THE CLEAVAGE OF
NUCLEIC ACID AT AN ABASIC SITE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued on August 24, 2004,
the due date having been extended for three (3) months to February
24, 2005, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in
connection with the above-identified application.

The present response contains amendments to the claims and
remarks.